

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 99

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Sidney Norfleet Anthony, Jr., of Ripley.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Sidney Norfleet Anthony, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Sidney Norfleet Anthony, Jr., was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, the son of Sidney Norfleet Anthony, Sr., and Katherine Moriarty Anthony, Mr. Anthony was born on November 7, 1930, in Ripley; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation from Webb School in Bell Buckle in 1949, Norfleet Anthony, Jr., attended the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, but interrupted his education to join the U.S. Air Force; for four years, he was an active airman during the Korean War assigned the duty of aerial gunner on a B-36 bomber; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of his military service, Mr. Anthony resumed his education at Memphis State University and then returned to Ripley to join S.N. Anthony Insurance, which was founded by his grandfather; and

WHEREAS, on November 23, 1956, he married Barbara Sue Ronk, the daughter of Almo Lee and Rebecca Culp Ronk of Alamo; and

WHEREAS, Norfleet Anthony, Jr., co-founded the Lauderdale County Savings and Loan Association in 1966; he served on the board of Farmers Union Bank and was named president in 1989; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, Mr. Anthony co-founded Insurors Bank, now InsBank, and served on the Board of Directors until his retirement from the board in 2012; he was also instrumental in

co-founding the Ripley branch of BankTennessee in 1999 and was a past vice chairman of InSouth Bancshares; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Norfleet Anthony, Jr., continued to lead the family insurance agency, now known as S.N. Anthony, Inc.; he joined Insurors of Tennessee, the independent agent trade association, in 1958, and served on a number of association committees over the years; and

WHEREAS, elected to the Insurors of Tennessee Board of Directors in 1985, Mr. Anthony served as president in 1989; he subsequently represented Tennessee as State National Director on the board of the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America, and he was named Insuror of the Year in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Norfleet Anthony, Jr., was an active and devout member of First United Methodist Church of Ripley, which he served faithfully for many years on various committees; he was the past chairman of the administrative council and also chaired the finance committee of the Memphis Conference of the United Methodist Church for many years; and

WHEREAS, active in his community, he served as Trustee on the boards of Lambuth University and Webb School; he was a member of the Ripley Rotary Club, a 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Mason, past president of the Ripley Shrine Club, and past president of the Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Anthony was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Norfleet Anthony, Jr., was the proud father of Sidney Norfleet (Amy) Anthony III, Rebecca Anthony (Roger) Smith, and John Barbee (Misty) Anthony, and the doting grandfather of Rebecca Smith (Edward) Nenon, George Arthur (Beth) Smith II, Katherine Anthony (Chad) Leake, Elizabeth Nohse Anthony, Emily Caroline Anthony, George Maxwell Anthony, and John Patrick Moriarty Anthony; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Anthony is lovingly remembered by his great-grandchildren, Jackson Henry Leake, Margaret Sue Nenon, Elanor Elizabeth Smith, and Adaline Ann Smith, and his sister, Ruth Anthony (Harry) Rike; and

WHEREAS, Norfleet Anthony, Jr., leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Sidney Norfleet Anthony, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Sidney Norfleet Anthony, Jr.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.